

JAMES ALFRED AND SARAH JANE McDONALD SHELTON

James Alfred was born December 24, 1845, in Southamton, New Brunswick, Canada, son of Charles and Rebecca Ann Daw Shelton. He married Sarah Jane McDonald on November 30, 1882, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake. She was born in 1864 at Heber City, daughter of Joseph Smith and Nancy Elizabeth Cummings McDonald. Jane died in 1908. James Alfred died July 16, 1927, at Daniel.

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Alfred, or "Alf," as most people called him, and his father first lived in Provo and then moved to Charleston, where Bill Bagley's and the Wall family were very kind to them. Alfred worked for the Bagleys and when Bill Bagley had a work contract on building the railroad at Green River, Alfred, then 15, was hired to care for his mule teams. Other contractors would keep their mules corraled and just feed them corn. The animals could only stand this fare for awhile and would die and have to be replaced. Alfred would let the Bagley mules go out on the desert at night to get some grass or such to eat and have a little corn. He would go out very early to bring them in for the day's work. By doing this the animals were seldom lost. After this work was finished he worked at the sawmills in Cottonwood Canyon. Later he owned quite a number of cattle.

When she was young, Sarah Jane spent a great deal of time with her Grandmother "Mac," as she was called. She was 17 when she lost her mother. At 18 she and Alfred were married. They lived in Heber quite some time and then moved to Daniel.

She was a joyful person and enjoyed working with young people. She was president of the Primary Association of Buysville Ward from 1895-1901 and of Daniel Ward from 1904-1905. She also served as president of the YLMIA. She worked on the stake board also. They were the parents of 10 children: Alfred Leslie, Nancy Ella,

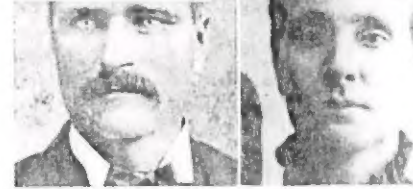
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